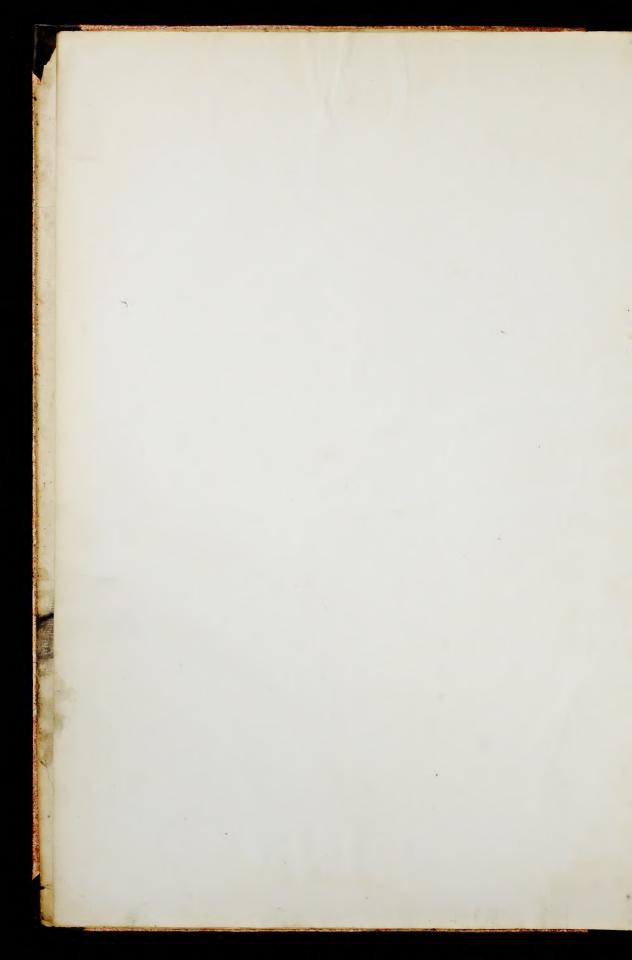


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PREFACE.

THE Custom which has rendered it in a measure necessary to introduce Works which are intended to engage the Attention of the World by a Prefatory Discourse, though in itself a sufficient Reason for adopting such a Mode, is not the principal Motive that influenced the Author of these Designs to use this Ceremony with the Public, but rather to obviate some general Objections which, on a cursory View, might be made to the Introduction of any Thing new, on so old a Subject as that of Architecture.

Though the Field of Science is wide, and the Arts are capable of continual Improvement; yet fome there are who cannot be brought to conceive the Propriety of expatiating on them, from a Supposition that they are arrived already at their Maturity; an Idea, that in consequence must preclude all the Efforts of Genius, all the Exercise of Judgment; and thus equally impede every Advance, both in Theory and Practice.

But so inexhaustible is the Fund of Knowledge, so multiform are the Branches of Science, that after all our Researches, Truth must compel us to allow, much, very much, remains to be known; and no sooner have we dissolved one Knot than another presents itself to be unravelled. This is most clear, from the Testimony of History, and the Experience of those Heights of Perfection at which Mankind have gradually arrived in the different Periods of successive Ages.

In Effect, the fame Subject, when treated of by different Authors in various Modes, although upon the felf-fame Principle, is capable of being elucidated by their respective Labors; insomuch that even some of those Remarks, which considered individually, might seem to be of little Consequence, when viewed conjunctively, may at once explain each other and tend to confirm the general System upon which they are founded. For Architecture, properly defined, is partly an Art, and partly a Science: It is not founded wholly on a System of Problems and Deductions, but requires a peculiar Turn of Mind; and as it thus depends in a great Measure on the Imagination, the Object will continually admit of farther Appropriation to its important Ends, so that it may be enlarged on ad infinitum.

A Conviction of these Truths, an Attachment to a favorite Science, and the urgent Importunity of several respectable Friends, rather than any Motives of a pecuniary Nature, have induced the Author to publish the Deligns contained in the following Sheets; the Intent of which is to present such a Variety of Subjects as, by an Adherence to Simplicity of Design, and Perspicuity of Description, may contribute to render Convenience compatible with Permanence, and Elegance with OEconomy.

How far he has fucceeded in his Aim, must be referred to the Judgment of the impartial Public, to whom these Designs are submitted, on a Presumption that they will not censure the Attempt, whatever may be the Opinions entertained of the Execution. Both are consided to their Candor by the AUTHOR, whose Hopes will be sulfilled, and his Labors compensated, if the Work should so far answer his Expectations as to prove subservient to the Ends which it was calculated to accomplish.

INTRODUCTION.

FOW various foever the Purfuits of Mankind may be, and how different foever the Predilection of Individuals for any of the Arts and Sciences, as confidered in the Abstract; yet when Opinions are once reduced to Practice, the most ufeful have ever obtained the Preference.

In Point of Utility, ARCHITECTURE, as to its primary Inftitution, however rude, must stand unrivalled. It has certainly a claim to Antiquity, having engaged the Attention of Men, more or less, in every Age of the World; though its Perfection, like that of every other Art, is to be sought for only among those refined Nations, whose Study it always has been, to make Convenience go hand in hand with Elegance, by reducing, to certain general Rules, an Institution which owed its Birth, like most others, to Necessity, the common Parent of Invention.

The Opinions entertained of the Origin of Architecture, are various. Some are inclined to think with Vitauvius, that the rigor of the Seasons first induced Men to construct a fort of Cabins, partly under-ground; the Roofs of which, rising above the Earth, were covered with Stubble, or such other Materials as could farnish a Sheker from the Inclemencies of the Weather. Improving on this Plan, the Inhabitants of Woods and vast Plains afterwards raised Uprights, which, consisting of the Trunks of Trees, were the Representation of Columns; the Bands that encircled them, to prevent their bursting, being expressive of the Basis and Capitals, while the Summers laid across, served as Entablatures; and the covering of the Whole, as it ended in a Point, resembled, and gave the Hint, of what we term a Pediment, in our modern Buildings.

There are other Writers who contend that the Rules of ARCHITECTURE were delivered from Heaven to Solomon, in whose Temple at Jerusalem were contained all the Beauties of the Greek and Roman Orders; which, they say, those Nations borrowed from the Egyptians, who had first derived them from the Israelites, when in the Zenith of their Glory.

It is at least apparent that the Tyrians, according to the Testimony of the Sacred Writers, had carried the Science of Architecture a considerable Height, before it was the Boast of the Greeks, not-withstanding the general Idea, that all our Orders are of Grecian Original.

After all that has been faid on this Subject, perhaps we may trace the Art of Building, properly fo called, to the Third Generation of the World: For we are informed, by fo ancient a Writer as Mofes, that Cain founded the City of Enoch, urged perhaps by the Motive of Self-prefervation, as well as the comfortles Reflexion of Man's having no regular sheltered Dwelling-Place after the Fall; and, probably, taking his Pattern from the Precepts of Nature, as exhibited in the Works of the Birds of Heaven.

But from whence foever this ufeful Science derived its Origin, it has always been confpicuous in civilifed and refined Countries. The Arts which dawned upon Mankind from the East, and after traversing Assyria, Egypt, and Palestine, settled at last in the favoring Soil of Greece, from whence they were transplanted to Rome, found there all the Encouragement a polished People could give them. There, with Mussic, Poetry, Painting, and every liberal Science, Architecture was found in its Persection. With them it flourished, and with them it fell, and lay buried for a While beneath the Ruins of a Mighty Empire.

The Night of Gothic Ignorance being happily dispelled by the bright Sun of Science, the Arts, in consequence, revived, breaking forth again from the East, a Quarter whence it then was least expected. The Arabians, once the great Contemners of the Sciences, began at length to patronise them. With

these, Architecture arose by Degrees; though at first, in a Style far unequal to that of Grecian Origin. The Saracen Mode of Building was, at this Time, adopted in Europe, the Remains of which are yet so conspicuous in the Structures of the 13th and 14th Centuries.

Greece being immerfed in Slavery as well as Ignorance, Italy took again the lead, and became the Foster-Mother of those Sciences, which had before adorned Athens, and slowished in Rome, the envied Mistress of the conquered World.

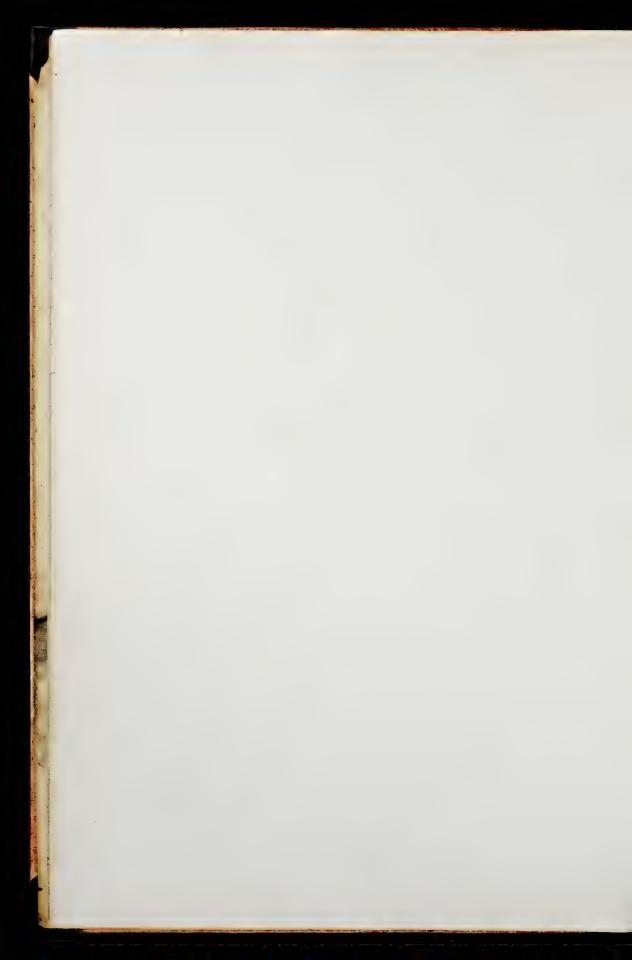
It was at this Period that great Geniuses, forming their Taste upon the best Models, and having before their Eyes those precious Remains which had defied the Ravages of Time, and the Devastations of Barbarians, revived the old Grecian Architecture, studied its Rules, and digested its Due Proportions.

The Progress of Architecture being thus considered, and these Truths premised, it follows, that in this, as in every other Art, the first Rudiments being attained, the Artist ought to use his own Judgment, forming himself on the Rules of the best Masters, and always keeping in view those three Grand Objects, Convenience, Beauty, and Stability. In the Construction of Cities, the Extent, Soil, Form, and Situation, should be particularly regarded. In the Erection of Edifices, the Foundation, Solidity, and relative Dimensions, claim peculiar Degree of Attention. In such of them as are intended for private Dwellings, the Offices should be properly arranged, and removed to a due Distance from the main Pile; and above all, a proper Respect ought to be had to the Rule of Proportion, by which the Beauty and Perfections of Architecture, as well as of all other Arts, will ever be best supported.

As the Arts and Sciences are found to have in general a Sifter-like Connexion with each other, so Architecture has a Relation to many of them; infomuch that VITRUVIUS has mentioned no left than Twelve Qualifications, which he says an Architect ought to posses; a Proof of the strong Idea he entertained of this Connexion, and of that Genius which ought to animate the Artist in his Designs, and the Judgment which is necessary to guide him in the Execution.

For Instance; it is known that Architecture has two very different Affections, Uniformity and Variety, admitting not of too few, nor too many Angles, a certain Movement in the Design being required to produce that Sensation which arises in the Mind, from the View of a beautiful Building. Yet this consists not in the Number of Angles, nor in the Exactness of any certain Proportion, so much as in the Assemblage of the Parts, and Agreeableness of the Modification, which regulate the Dimensions of the Parts of a Building, with regard to themselves and to the Whole. In all this it is evident that the Architect must employ his Genius, and consult his Judgment, in order to examine the Situation and Effect in every possible Point of View, and to digeth his Plan accordingly.

In Conclusion;—it appears that the ORDERS ALONE are determined by the fixed Rules of Architecture; the Art of Designing is scarcely to be reduced to any fixed Precepts; as the Knowledge of what Part any Arch or Column may have, in producing the general Effect in a Building, has never yet been demonstrated by any invariable Geometrical Rules, but still remains a Desideratum: Genius considers it in Theory; in Practice it can only be the Fruit of Judgment, matured by Habit and constant Application.



Explanation of the following DESIGNS.

PLATE L

Elevation of a Nobleman's Villa.

THIS Defign, were it divefted of every Decoration, yet possesses fomething to recommend it to the judicious Observer. The Lines of the Strings, and of the Cornice being entire, prevent the disagreeable Effect that might otherwise arise from a broken Figure. A grand Portico in the Centre, in the simple Grecian Style, of the Ionic Order, chiefly attracts the Attention of the Beholder. The Wings are subservient to the Centre. The Ascent to the principal Floor is by two Flights of Stairs, which constitute the first Access to the House, in Order to conceal the Servants Offices; and by gaining so much in Height, give Majesty and Dignity to the Elevation.

PLATE II.

The Plan of the Principal Floor of the Villa.

This Plan comprises a complete Range of Apartments, calculated for Convenience and Elegance, and fuited to the Accommodation of a Person of Rank and Fortune; the Access to the several Apartments being contrived to be separate; which by concealing the Stair Cases, renders the Building apparently larger, and more convenient.

The feveral Uses of the Apartments are properly explained in the Plan.

PLATE III.

The Section of the foregoing Villa.

This exhibits the internal Finishing; displaying the Saloon, the Hall, the Breakfasting Room, &c. The Method of lighting the Saloon and Stair Cases, the Profile of the Portico and the Flight of Stairs, and the Manner of framing the Roof.—Warming Machines are proposed to be fixed in the Niches of the Hall and Saloon, for the Convenience of those Apartments; and the Flews are carried up concealed in the Walls.

PLATE IV.

The Detail of the Exterior Order, and Decorations at large of the Villa.

The Diameter of the Column is divided into Sixty Minutes; and the Figures annexed in the marginal Scale, denote the Number of Minutes alloted to the Proportion of the feveral Members to which they refpectively refer. The Columns are diminished one seventh Part of the Diameter in a regular Curve; the whole Length of the Shaft, according to the Mode recommended by NICHOMEDES.

PLATE V.

The Cieling of the Music Room of the Villa.

This is intended for an Arched Cieling. It is composed after the Ancient Grotesque Manner, containing Ornaments emblematical of the Use of the Apartment.

The Moldings that conflitute the three principal Compartments, answer the Pilasters in the Section of the Room; and by maintaining the Continuation of the Lines, are productive of a good Effect.

PLATE VI.

A Chimney Piece and Glass Frame for the foregoing Room.

PLATE VII.

The Plan and Elevation of a Maufoleum.

This Sort of Building derives its Name from Mausolus, a King of Caria, to whom, after his Decease, his Widow Artemisia erected a stately Monument, which has since been numbered among the Wonders of the World.

The Term is chiefly applied to the Burying-Places of the Ancients, which were ever held Sacred and Inviolable. The Egyptians, at a Time when they were most renowned for Wisdom and Science, paid a particular Regard to their Sepulchres. The Burying-Places of their Kings, the Catacombs were fufficient to impart an Idea of their Respect to these Institutions.

This Defign is chiefly calculated to promote fomething of the Kind above mentioned, at the prefent Day. Befides those Erections which adorn our Temples, or other Public Edifices, it might not perhaps be amis, by Monuments of this peculiar Kind, to immortalise the Names of beloved Persons; and continually present at once their Memory and that of their Worthy Actions to the Minds of their surviving Friends and Kindred, who might thereby be stimulated to a stronger Emulation of the Virtues of their deceased Ancestors.

PLATE VIII.

Elevation of the Principal Front of a Banqueting House for public Feasts.

This Elevation exhibits Six Columns of the Ionic Order; the Intercolumnations are near three Diameters, or of the Diaftyle Kind. The Afcent to the principal Floor is by a grand Flight of Stairs, which leads to a magnificent Banquetting Room.

PLATE IX.

The Plan of the Principal and lower Story of the Banquetting House.

The Use of each respective Apartment is explained in the Plan.

PLATE X.

The Section of the Banquetting House.

The Ornaments here displayed are calculated for the Excitement of Pleasure, and a proper Display of Grandeur.

PLATE XI.

Elevation of a Casino or Box, and the Plan of the principal Story.

This Defign is calculated for a Country Retreat, or the Town House of a small Family.

The Uses of the several Apartments are explained in the Plan. The Servants Offices are intended to be placed in the Sunk Story.

PLATE XII.

A Chimney Piece for the LIBRARY.

PLATE XIII.

A Chimney Piece for the EATING ROOM.

PLATE XIV.

Cieling for the Eating Room.

In the Central Circle appear Bacchus and Ariadne; in the Smaller are the Seafons; and in the Four Oblong Pannels are reprefented the Rural Employments of Fishing, Sheep-shearing, Vintage, and Harvest.

PLATE XV.

A Gothic Temple: Defigned for the Right Honourable THE EARL OF SHELBURNE.

PLATE XVI.

A Defign for a Bridge, intended to be erected over a River, for the Convenience of croffing from one Side to the other, in a Gentleman's Park.

PLATE XVII.

A Gateway and Porters Lodges at the Entrance of a Park.

The Roofs of the Lodges are proposed to be arched, and the Flews of the Chimney to be carried to the Centre of the Lodges.

PLATE XVIII.

Defign of the Garden Front of the Offices at STACKPOLE COURT, the Seat of JOHN CAMPBELL, Edg;

PLATE XIX.

The Elevation of the East Front of the Offices at Stackpole Court, and the Plan of the Ground Story.

The Uses of the several Offices are explained in the Plan.

PLATE XX.

Plan and Elevation of SURREY CHAPEL, in St. George's Road, Southwark.

PLATE XXI.

The Section of SURREY CHAPEL.

PLATE XXII.

The Elevation of the East Front, and the Plan of the principal Story of Mr. Mirehouse's House, in Pembrokeshire.

PLATE XXIII.

The Section of Mr. MIREHOUSE'S House.

PLATE XXIV.

Plan and Elevation of a Circular Hunting Seat, intended to be executed in the County of Surry.

PLATE XXV.

Section of the HUNTING SEAT, and the Plan of the One Pair of Stairs Story.

PLATE XXVI.

Defign for a Grotto.

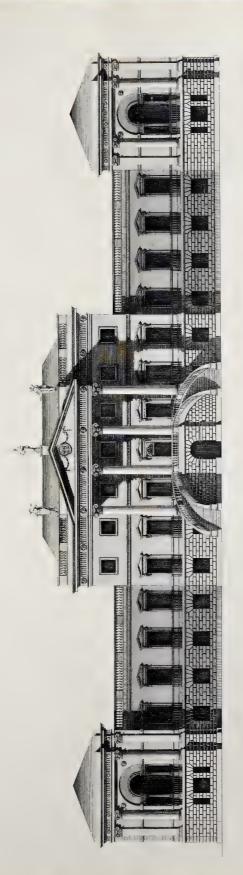
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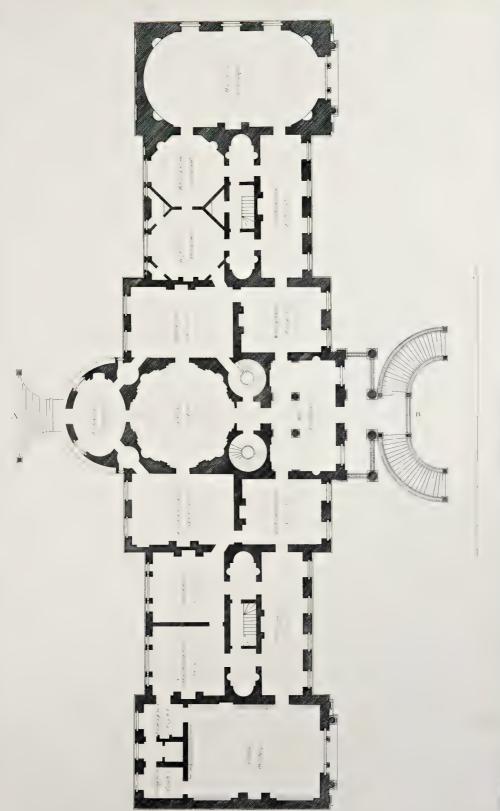
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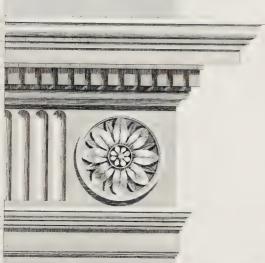
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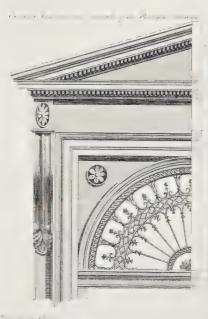








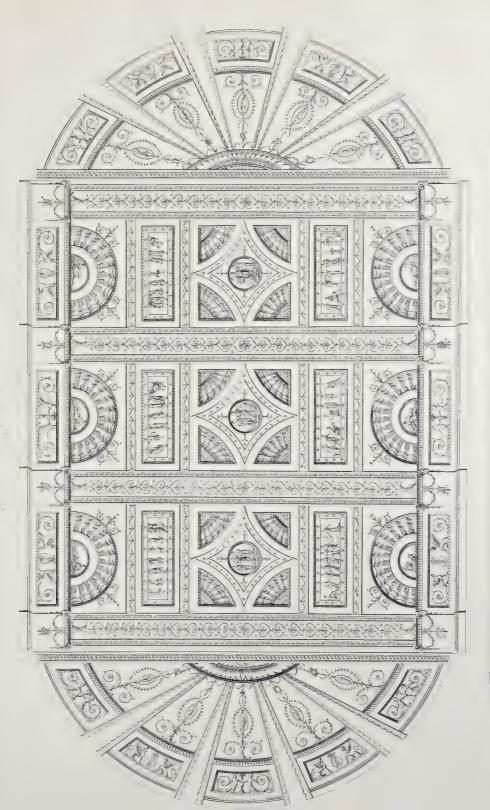






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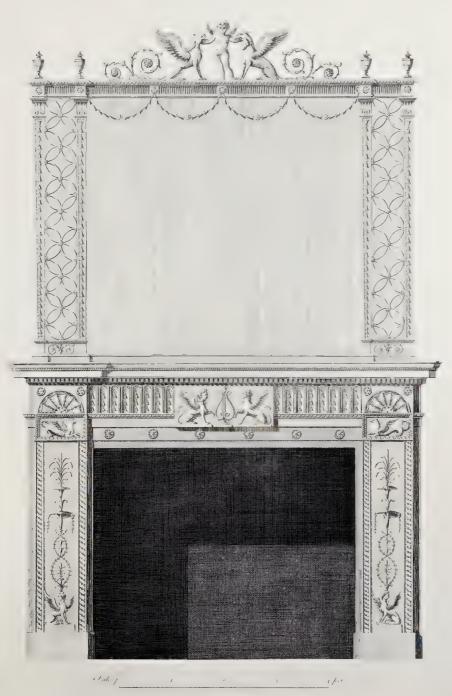


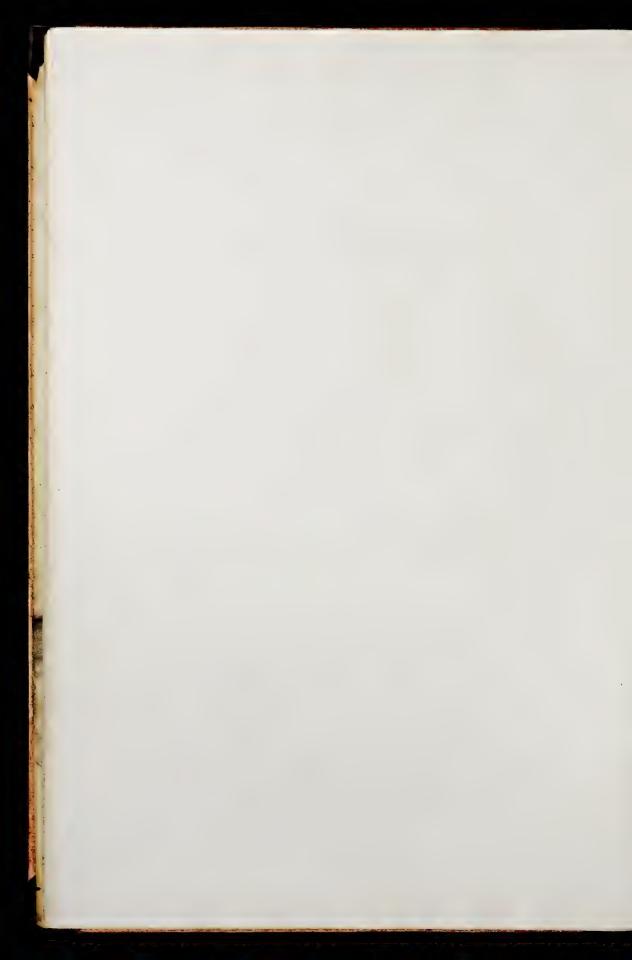


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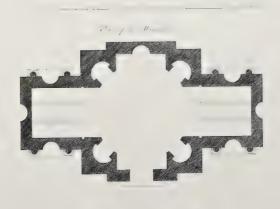
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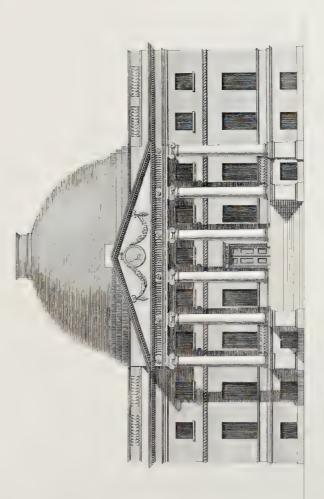
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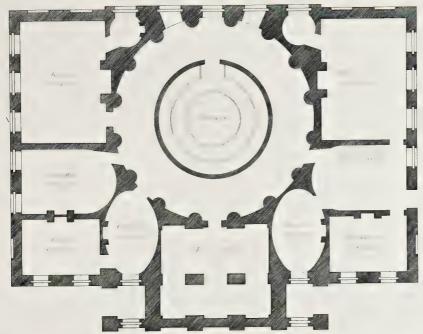




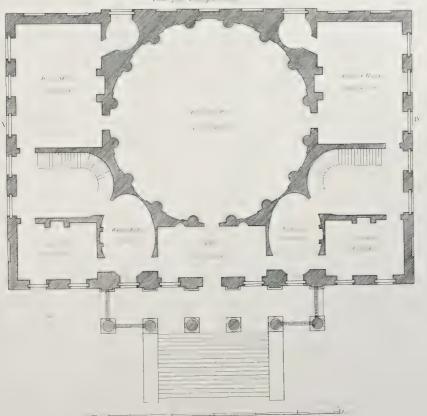
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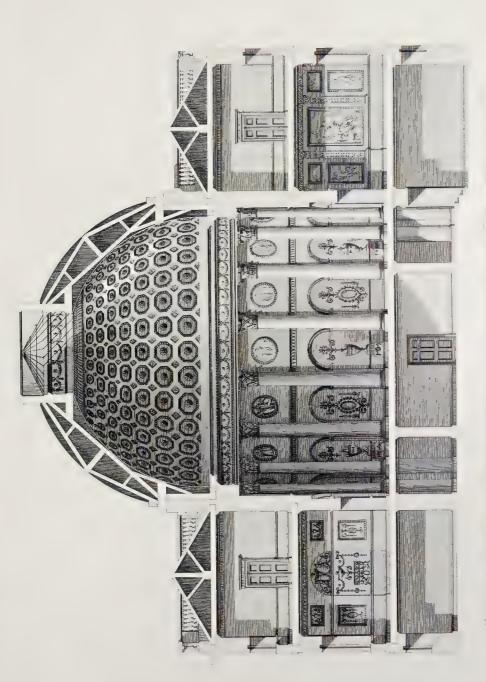










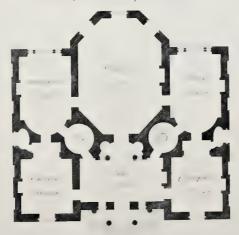




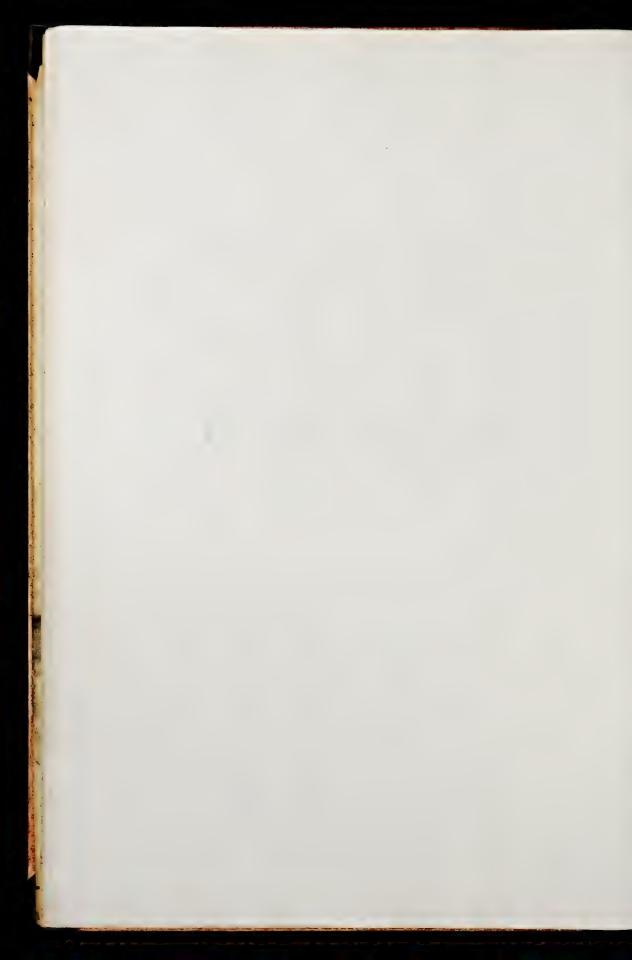
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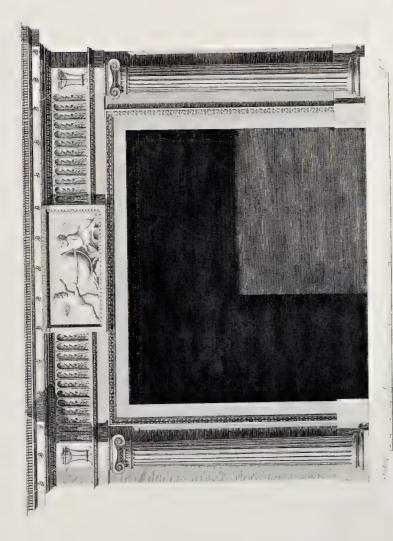
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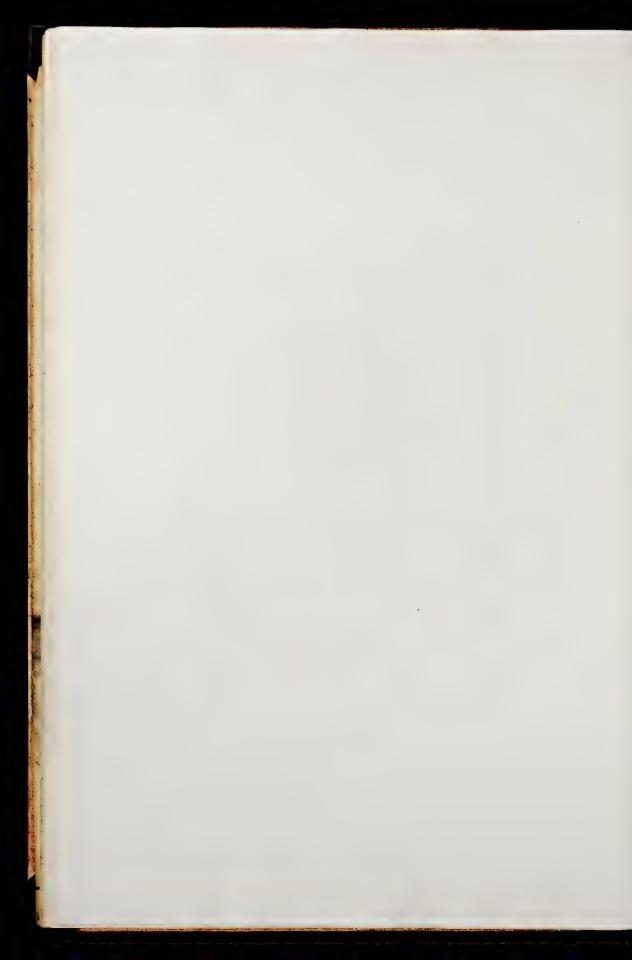
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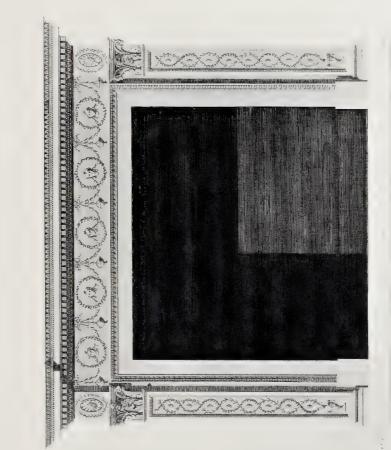


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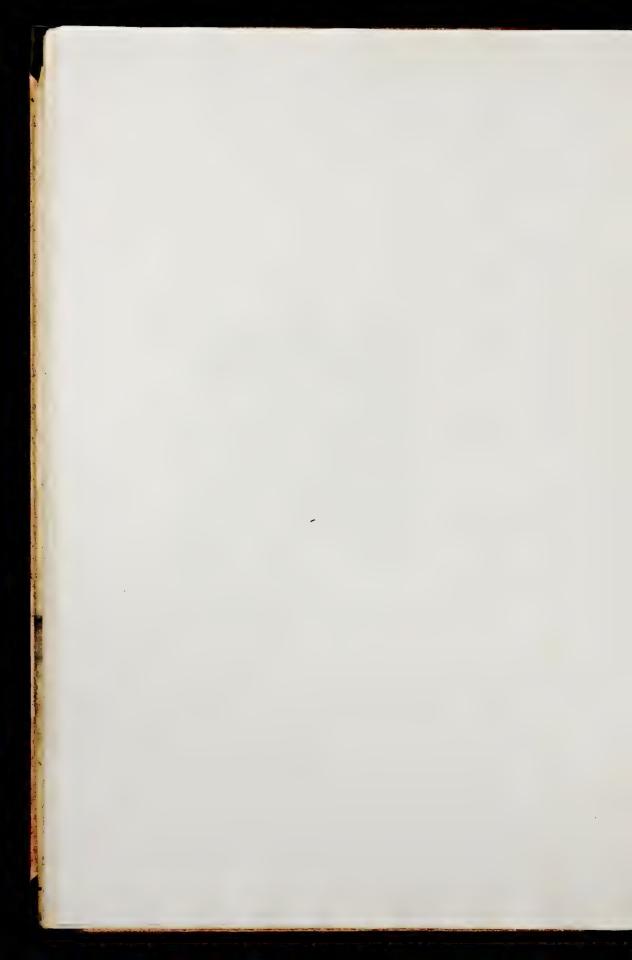


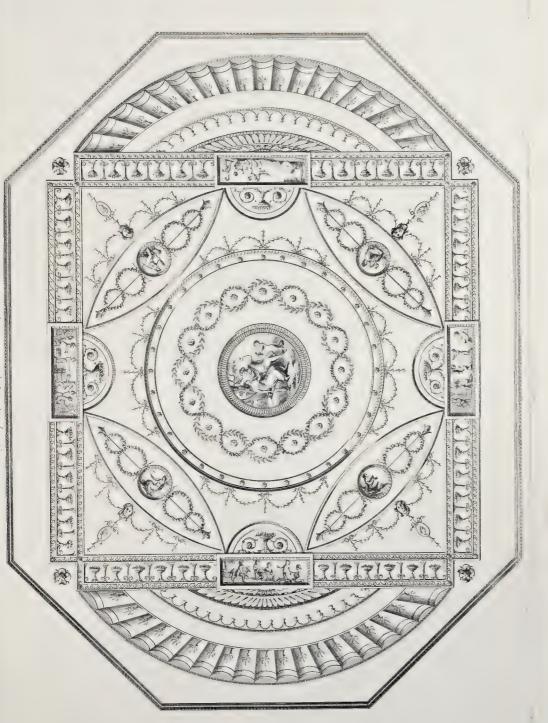
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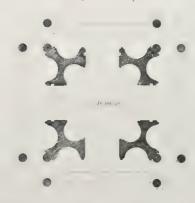
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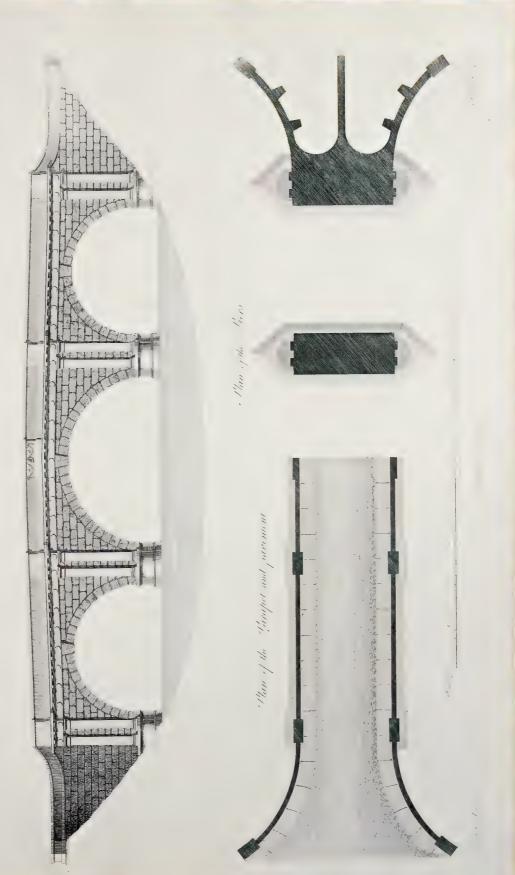
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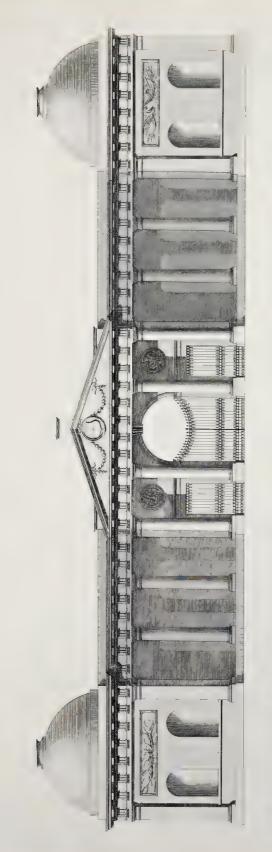


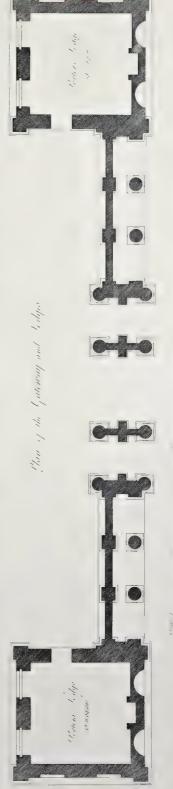


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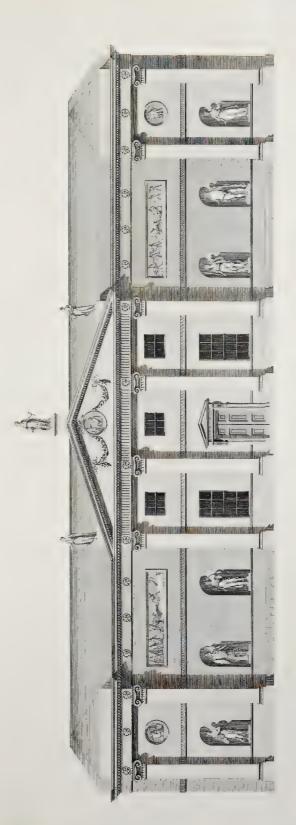
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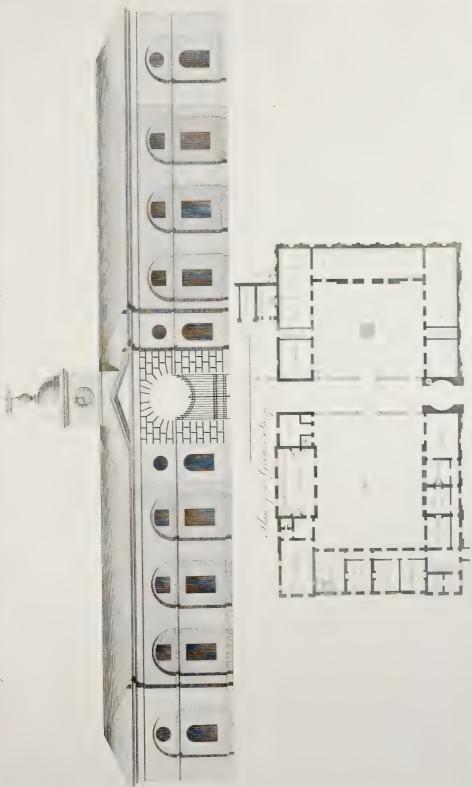


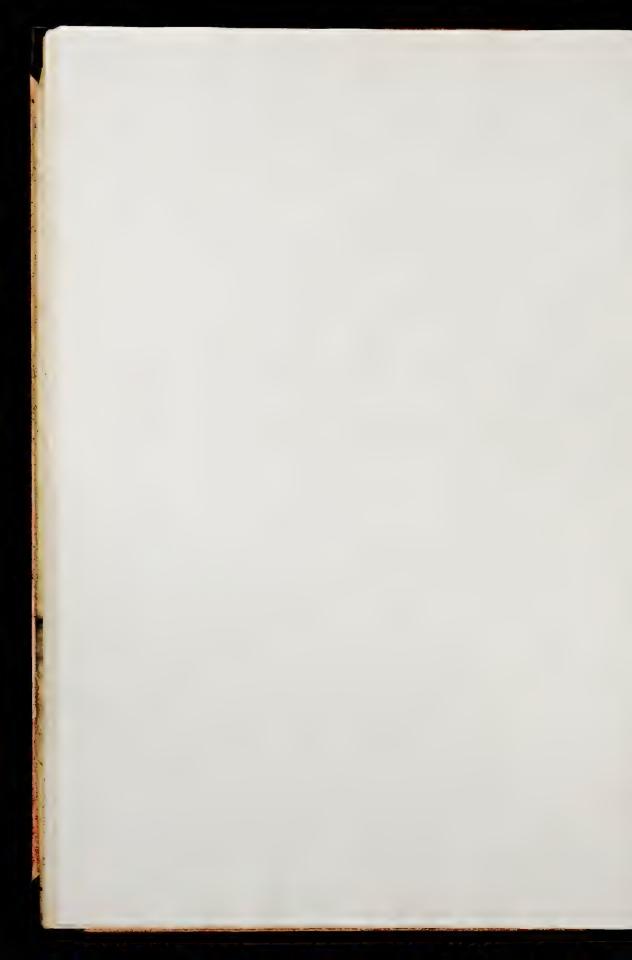
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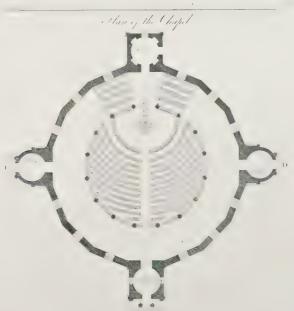
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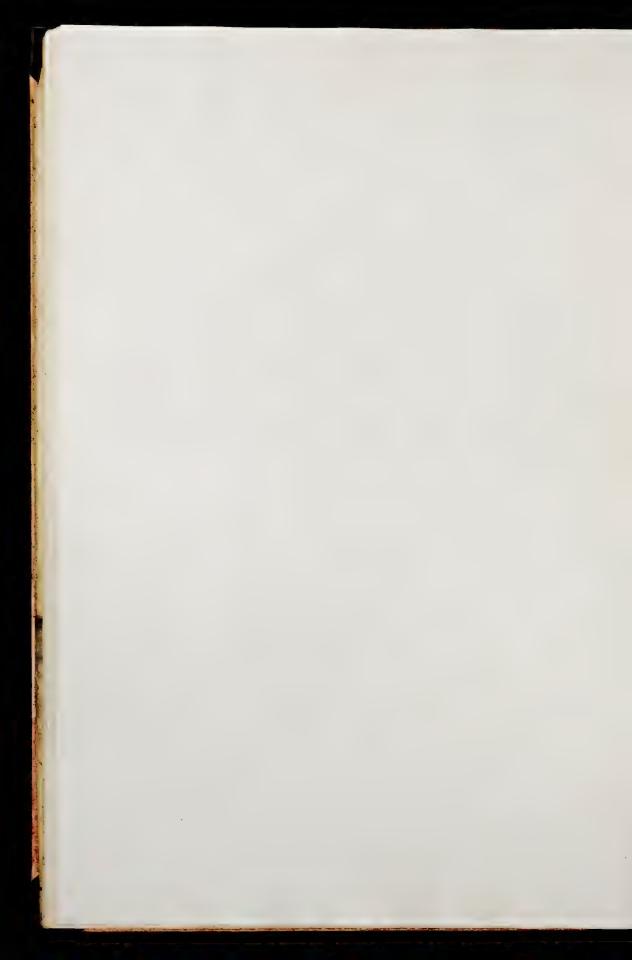




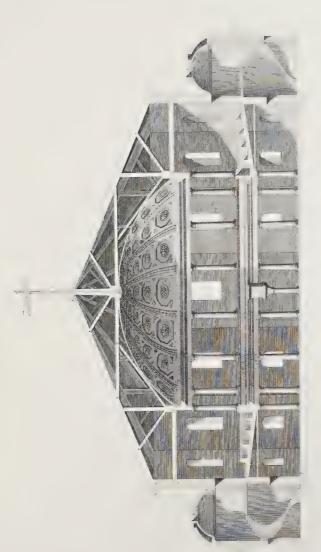
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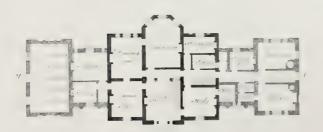




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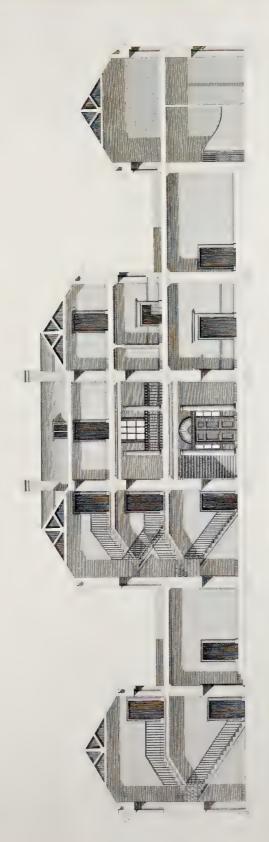


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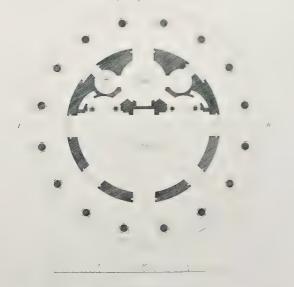




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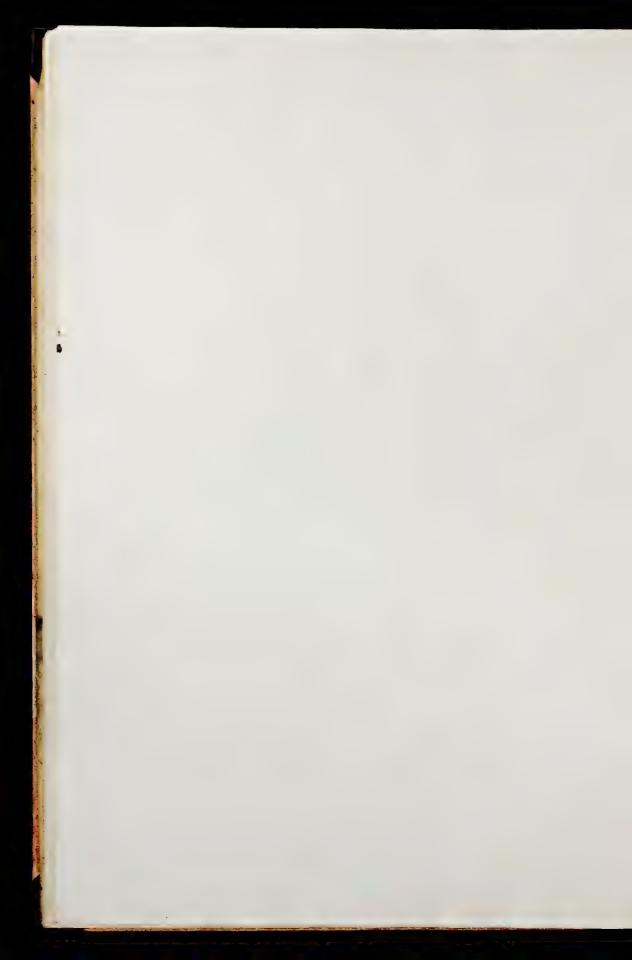


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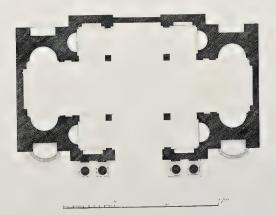
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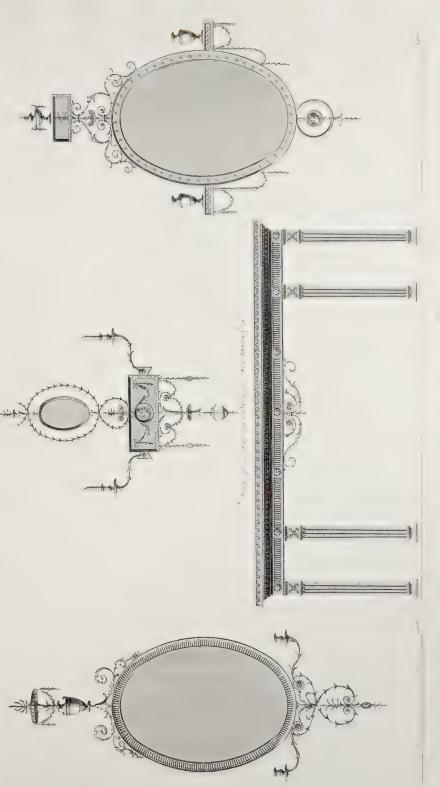
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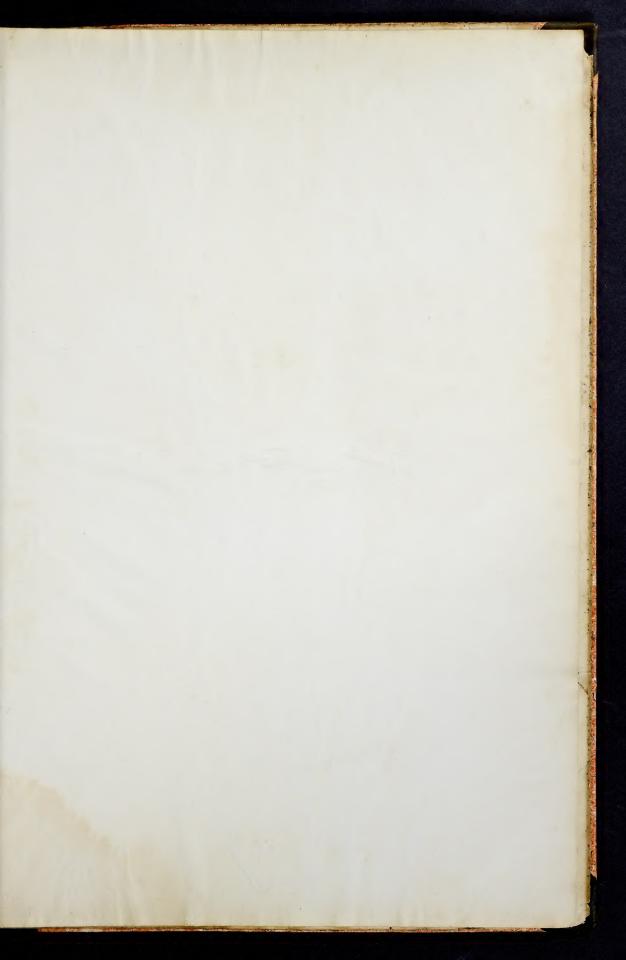
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